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Rome, Dec. 27. N. S.

THE Pope continues in a very weak condition, and his Physicians seem to have little hopes of his Recovery, which makes the Cardinals very busie in forming Parties against the next Conclave. The Pope is very much pressed to name the two Cardinals he has reserved in Petto, but he does still defer it. The Great Duke of *Tuscany*, who was expected at the Jubilee, has quite put off his Journey hither by reason of the Pope's Illness. The number of Strangers at present in this City is very great, and makes Provisions very dear, notwithstanding the Duties upon them are on this occasion in a great measure taken off. Count *Lamberg* is coming to reside here as Ambassador from the Emperor, in the room of the Count *de Martinitz*, who prepares accordingly for his departure, but cannot yet obtain an Audience of Leave of the Pope. It's still said, that the Queen-Dowager of *Poland* will in a short time leave this Place, and go to *Municke* in *Germany*. The Duke *d'Uceda*, Ambassador from *Spain*, goes from hence to morrow to *Gaeta*, where he is to meet the Vice-Roy of *Naples*, and will return hither in few days.

Venice, Jan. 2. The Duke of *Mantua*, and divers other Persons of Quality, who came hither with an intention to go to the Jubilee, being informed that the Pope was so ill that he could not perform the Ceremony of opening it in Person, they put off their Journey to *Rome*, and intend to continue here to partake of the Diversions of the ensuing Carnaval. The Senate intending to repair and improve the Fortifications of their Frontier Towns in *Dalmatia*, have sent Orders to Signior *Mocenigo*, General of their Forces in that Province, to give Directions for preparing all things in order to begin that work as soon as the Season will permit; Signior *Mocenigo* is upon his return home from thence, having compleated the term of Three Years for which the Republick usually gives these Employments, and he stays only for the Arrival of his Successor Signior *Francisco Grimani*, who served this State in the Quality of Lieutenant-General of their Forces in the *Morea*. Our last Advices from *Dalmatia* say, Signior *Grimani*, the Commissioner from this Republick for settling the Limits, who has been very ill, was pretty well recovered; He was still at *Castelnovo*, where he intended to continue till such time as his Health might be confirmed, and that the Season would permit his resuming the Conferences with the *Turkish* Commissioners, which being usually held in the open Field, they have been obliged to adjourn them during the Winter.

Warsaw, Jan. 3. The Jewels that are to be delivered to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, as a Security for the Payment of the 300000 Dollars he is to receive in lieu of his Pretensions from this Republick, have been taken out of the Publick Treasury, being a Crown which the late King *Uladislaus* of *Poland* took in Battel from the Czars of *Muscovy*, and some other things of a considerable Value; And they are put into the Custody of the Cardinal Primate, who, as soon as the Ratifications of the late Treaty for accommodating the Business of *Elbing* are exchanged, is to deliver them to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*'s Commissioners as is stipulated by the said Treaty. The Castellan *Wratzlewsky*, and the Starost *Viske*, are appointed to receive the City of *Elbing* from the *Brandenburghers*, who according to our last Advices, are demolishing the new Fortifications they had made there, and preparing every thing for their evacuating that Place on the 1st day of *February* next, the time fixed by the Treaty. They write from *Lemberg*, that an Envoy from the Cham of *Tartary* is arrived there in his Journey hither. These Letters add, that the *Tartars*, who are settled in the Country of *Budziac*, have received Orders from the Grand Signior and the Cham to remove from thence to the *Crimea*, but refused to obey the same, and are Soliciting the Czar of *Muscovy* to receive them into his Protection.

Vienna, Jan. 6. The Duke of *Holstein*'s Minister has presented a Memorial to the Emperor, desiring he will write to the Princes of the Empire, whose Dominions lie near the Dutchy of *Holstein*, to recommend it to them, not to assist the *Danes* in their Attempts upon the Forts which the Duke his Master has lately built in *Holstein*, but to use their Endeavours to prevent all Hostilities, and to preserve the Peace in those Parts; And he has been seconded in these Instances by the Envoy of *Sweden*. The States of the *Lower Austria* are summoned to assemble here in few days, and most of the Deputies are already arrived. The Arch-Duke *Charles* is as well as can be expected in his condition. The Queen of the *Romans* goes abroad again, and has received the Compliments of the Foreign Ministers and other Persons of Quality at Court upon the Birth of the young Princess her Daughter. The King of *Denmark*'s Resident has had Audience of the Emperor, and notified the Birth of the young Prince of *Denmark*. Several Pieces of Plate, and other Things of Value, have been sent by Water to Count *Otting* Ambassador from the Emperor, who is now on his Journey to the Port, to be disposed of in Presents to the Bassas of the several Places through which he passes. The Grand Signior's Ambassador